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In re Application of:

Keating et al.

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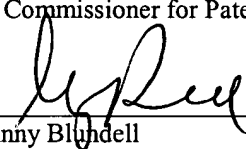
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Advisory Action, mailed April 2, 2004, in connection with the above application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.